GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1575
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DONS TAKING SHELTER IN UAE
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Dons have taken shelter in the UAE as reported in the Times of India dated November 1, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps being taken for their extradition?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) The Government of India had got Red Corner Notices issued against 33 persons including some of the persons mentioned in the news item, on the basis of investigation conducted and information gathered that these persons are residing abroad and that there is likelihood of some of them being in UAE or visiting UAE.

(b) & (c) India has signed an Extradition Treaty with UAE, and a high level delegationfrom India has also visited UAE to seek UAE Government`s assistance and cooperation as a follow up of the extradition treaty.